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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Further to my communication on the 12th March 2021, I am writing to update you on the process of the awarding of Centre Assessed Grades.

Year Group	Ongoing Formative Assessment	Controlled Summative Assessments	Final teaching Day	Submission Date to the Exam Board	Results Day
Year 11	8 th March-28 th May 2021	30 th April- 7 th May 2021	28 th May 2021	18 th June 2021	12 th August 2021
Year 12/13	8 th March-28 th May 2021	7 th May – 14 th May 2021	28 th May 2021	18 th June 2021	10 th August 2021

Students have now completed the Controlled Summative Assessments and staff will use the rest of this week and next to collect as much evidence as they can, before the students leave on Friday 28th May 2021. Students can expect to still sit assessments during lesson time and need to remember that their grade will be based on an Assessment Portfolio which will contain many pieces of evidence collected over their examination course. It is important that they stay focussed until the very end.

We continue to follow DfE guidance: ‘that grades should be based on teachers’ assessment of the standard at which students are performing and that the grades should indicate the students’ demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills.’

We are aware that concerns have been raised over the security of assessment papers this year and the issues that this has caused nationally.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/may/12/gcse-a-level-exam-papers-sold-on-social-media>

Please be reassured that our strategy of basing Centre Assessed Grades on a portfolio of assessment including Controlled Assessments and a wide range of evidence, rather than on a single ‘exam’ has meant that whilst we have had to deal with issues around suspected malpractice we are confident that the final grades awarded will be a fair reflection of ‘students’ demonstrated knowledge, understanding and skills.’

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your support of our school during this time that has been stressful for your children, your families and our staff. **We politely remind you that there must be no communication between students or parents/carers and staff as to the Centre Assessed Grades.** This will constitute malpractice as detailed in my letter on the 5th May 2021.



https://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/site_content/unsecure/letters-home/current/year11/Letter%20to%20Parent%20Carer%20regarding%20Self%20Isolation%2C%20Controlled%20Assessments%20and%20Malpractice.pdf

We continue to all work towards the same goal which is to minimise the impact that this abhorrent pandemic has had on the learning experience of our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tindie Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Mrs T Davies
Deputy Headteacher